

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 13-18 are allowed. Claims 1-12 and 19-20 are rejected. On the summary page of the Office Action, claims 13-16 and 19-20 were indicated as being allowable and claims 1-12 and 17-18 were indicated as being rejected. However, after carefully reviewing the detailed description of the Office Action, it appears that claims 13-18 were allowed. Claims 1-12 and 19-20 were rejected of which claims 1-6 were rejected under an obviousness-type double patenting rejection in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,857,189 to Riddle (“Riddle”), but otherwise would be allowable.

In this response, claims 7-12 and 19-20 have been canceled without prejudice. A terminal disclaimer has been submitted here to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and thus, claims 1-6 are allowable. Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that remaining pending claims 1-6 and 13-18 are allowable. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call/email the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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